crores at the then price level with a negative financial return ((—) 8.5%). The present day cost would be around Rs. 65 crores.

[English]

Level Crossing and Bridges in Kerala

4636. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria for opening of new level crossing exclusively at the cost of the Railways;

(b) whether there is demand in Kerala for increasing the number of level crossings and construction of over-bridges and widening of the existing over-bridges:

(c) the number of proposals received during last one year to open the level crossing entirely at the cost of the Railways; and

(d) the number of proposals approved out of those ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Railways provide new level crossings. exclusively at their own cost only at the time of laying of new Railway lines as also during a further period of 10 years, after the line is commissioned to traffic. in consultation with the State Governments.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Nil.

(d) Does not arise.

Introduction of New flights by Indian Airlines

4637. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state ·

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has expanded its network recently:

(b) if so, the details of new places brought under new network:

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to introduce new air services between Delhi and some important cities of Rajasthan:

(d) if so, the details thereof: and

(e) the date from which the new flights are scheduled to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Between May, 1991 and now, Indian Airlines has reintroduced its services to Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Allahabad and Gwalior. Effective August 3, 1991, a twice weekly B-737 service has also been introduced on Bombay-Ahmedabad-Indore route.

(c) to (e) Indian Airlines has a proposal to introduce a service between Delhi and Jaisalmer. It also has a proposal to operate a service between Calcutta and Jaipur via Varanasi. A second service on the Delhi-Bombay sector via Jodhpur is also being planned. Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, these services are planned for the Winter Schedule of 1991.